

NEWS SUMMARY.

CITY AFFAIRS.

—Jimmy Logue, on Saturday, at the regular hearing by Alderman Kerr, was held in \$700 bail for the robbery of W. H. Farnham's dwelling, No. 1535 N. Twelfth street, Gerlach's jewelry store, No. 1223 North Fifth street, and conspiring to rob. He was also committed under the ninety-day law for being a professional thief. The other thieves were also held in bail.

—J. M. Stanton, James Calwell, William Bowes, and Samuel Jones, were now under bonds for rioting and assaulting officers yesterday afternoon at the City Park Hotel, opposite Lemon Hill mansion, Fairmount Park.

—The body of W. E. Wiley, living at No. 1111 Race street, was found drowned in a brick pond at Broad and Dauphin streets yesterday afternoon. The deceased was a carpenter and builder. He has been ailing for some time past, and his mind was somewhat affected.

—Daniel McMullin, aged thirty-five, residing at No. 1327 West street, was badly beaten by a blackjack in a fight on Saturday night, at Twentieth and Pennsylvania avenues. He is now in the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Domestic Affairs.

—Extensive fires are now raging in the forests of Sullivan county, N. Y.

—Secretary Boutwell has issued no order interfering with the present plan of making custom-house appointments.

—The workshop and engineers' building at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., were burned yesterday, causing a loss of about fifty thousand dollars.

—The United States Senate was engaged four hours and a half during Saturday upon the recent treaty, and the prospect for an early vote thereon is regarded as good.

—The Executive Department of the Government is very anxious that Minister Schenck shall have in his possession the ratified treaty previous to his departure for London on Wednesday.

—M. Treillard, the French Minister at Washington, has obtained leave of his Government to return to France, and during his absence from this country M. de Billon, who arrived here a few days ago, will act as Charge d'Affaires.

Foreign Affairs.

—Paris was entered at four o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Government troops.

—Recently a large number of insurgents and their sympathizers have been executed in Cuba.

—Disensions have broken out in Portugal between the Government and Chamber of Deputies.

—The Spanish Government will propose in its next budget that the effective force of its army be fixed at eighty thousand men.

—The first hostages selected for execution by the Commune were Monsiegnar Darboy, the unfortunate Archbishop of Paris, and the Abbes Deguerry and Croze.

THE CASE OF DR. SCHOEPPE.

He Petitions the Governor for a Personal Interview.—The Favor to be Granted.

CARLEISLE, Pa., May 20.—The annexed letter was presented to Governor Geary yesterday, the 19th instant, by an influential and wealthy gentleman from Carlisle.

After having read it carefully the Governor promised that he would grant a personal audience to Dr. Schoeppe, and would come to see the prisoner after the adjournment of the Legislature. On being asked if he would permit Dr. Schoeppe to linger in prison for an indefinite number of years, and if he would not release him during his official term, Governor Geary answered, "That depends on circumstances." What the circumstances were the Governor did not say.

DR. SCHOEPPE'S PETITION.

CARLEISLE PRISON, Pa., May 17.—To His Excellency John W. Geary, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa.—Sir:—I beg your pardon, if I dare to intrude upon you with a respectful petition. It is a wise provision of our law which imposes upon the Chief Magistrate of this State the supreme revision and control over the prisons and other public institutions of the State. And this duty does not comprise alone the examination of the exterior condition of the different prisons and their management, but it has always been the custom of the Governor to grant, at such inspections, an audience to the wants and petitions of the prisoners and inmates of these public institutions. It is thus a duty which does not only devolve upon the highest executive officer of this State, but from the records of other States I have learned that a similar condition prevails there, and that the Governors of those States are invested with a similar authority.

According to this rule, your Excellency has been at different times on a tour of inspection to the prisons and other public institutions of this Commonwealth.

Although this prison is not supported directly by means defrayed by the treasury of the State, yet my case belongs directly to your judicial record. You are my highest judge on earth, upon whom the Constitution has imposed the supreme revision of my case. From your decision there is no appeal except to God. I am, therefore, as long as I am here confined, not only directly and immediately at any time at your disposition, but your decision is submitted still more closely to your direct supervision and control, than of any prisoner confined in one of our State prisons.

I hope, therefore, your Excellency will kindly excuse me if I dare to respectfully ask you to do me the favor to grant me a personal audience. As my condition forbids me to appear before you at your residence, I take the liberty to respectfully ask you to do me the great favor to come and see me. I am innocent of the heinous crime for the alleged commission of which I now lie under sentence of death, and I need, therefore, no uncertain fear or apprehension to meet face to face with my judges.

I refrained from expressing this petition, sooner, as I did not want to intrude upon you during the winter months, on account of the vast pressure of official business by which your Excellency is at that time surrounded.

Hoping that my most respectful petition will be favorably received by your Excellency, I remain, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

P. SCHOEPPE, M. D.

THE MAYORALTY.

Mayor Fox Declines a Renomination.—The following correspondence has taken place:—

PHILADELPHIA, May 4, 1871.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox, Mayor of Philadelphia. Dear Sir:—As your term of office draws to a close and the period approaches when nominations are again to be made, we beg leave to inquire whether you will permit the use of your name as that of a candidate for re-election.

The dignity, integrity, fidelity, and ability which have characterized your administration—the peace and good order which pervade our city—the protection which life and property have enjoyed—the important municipal reforms which have been effected, all induce us earnestly to press upon you consent to the use of your name with a view to a further term of office. We feel assured that an administration thus characterized will receive, as it is worthy to receive, the highest appreciation of your fellow-citizens. Awaiting, we trust, your favorable response, we are your friends and fellow-citizens.

John O. James, Geo. W. M. Hebertson, J. Hume, Geo. W. Biddle, Edward Olmsted, David Cuyler, Isaac Gerhart, Edward H. Weil, Theo. Cuyler, J. P. Ashmead, George R. Berrell, Francis McManus, J. N. Koss, S. D. Anderson, Peter Logan, Wm. H. Henderson, W. L. Hirst, Chas. Henry Jones, Geo. F. Lee, James Campbell, Dr. E. Morwitz, William A. Porter, John Robbins, Henry M. Phillips, George K. Zeigler, Samuel J. Biddle, Samuel J. Randall, H. D. Welsh.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, May 10, 1871.—Gentlemen:—I am deeply impressed with your kind letter of the 4th instant, requesting the use of my name in connection with the renomination for Mayor.

Whilst I am indebted to you for your very kind and flattering expressions, and am under great obligations to the Democracy for repeated nominations for this high office, and to the citizens generally who favored my election, I am obliged to say that there are circumstances of a private and business character which compel me to forego the honor you would wish again to confer upon me.

With sentiments of the warmest regard for you individually and to the others, my many friends, who have also spoken to me upon the same subject, I am very sincerely yours,

DANIEL M. FOX.

Messrs. John O. James and others.

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On the other hand, it is to be admitted that a first mortgage on valuable land is one of the best possible securities. The property can neither run away nor burn up. Its value is not affected by speculative combinations, nor by fluctuations in the amount of railroad traffic. The actual value of good land steadily increases with the steady growth of population.

It is because the 7-36 bonds of the Northern Pacific Railroad are both a first-class railroad security and real estate mortgage on lands worth twice the amount secured, that we commend them to those of our readers who desire an investment that is safe beyond question, while readily negotiable and bearing a good rate of interest. They are a first lien, not only on a great railroad and its traffic, but in addition are a first mortgage on valuable lands at the rate of fifty acres to each \$100 of indebtedness. Add to this the fact that the rate of interest (7-10 per cent. gold) is more than eight per cent. currency, and that the bonds are always exchangeable at 10 per cent. premium for the lands on which they are secured (practically giving the power of foreclosure at will), and it is easy to explain the high favor with which these securities are now regarded. Central Pacific Railroad bonds, secured only on the railroad itself, and bearing only six per cent. gold interest, are now selling at 103, and they are well worth the price. In the light of this fact, it is not unusual to predict that Northern Pacifics, bearing seven and three-tenths per cent. gold interest, secured both on the railroad and on 23,000 acres of land to each mile of track, and now selling at par, will at an early day be worth 110.—N. Y. Independent.

THE ERIE-RAMSEY WAR.

A Decision Against the Erie Managers.—The opinion in the case of the People, etc., against the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company, argued at Rochester, has been received. The concluding sentences thereof are as follows:—"For these reasons I am of the opinion that so much of the judgment as restrains the further prosecution of the action mentioned in the complaint, and requires them to be discontinued without costs, and so much of said judgment as awards costs in favor of the Ramsey Board and eight of the defendants against the Erie Board; and so much of said judgment as appoints a referee to ascertain how much and to whom an extra allowance should be made for the costs of the case, and so much of said judgment as affirms that the magnitude of the case should be affirmed without costs of the appeal to either party."

We cannot leave this case without expressing our profound regret that in the proceedings prior to its announcement so much ill feeling, not only between those who are parties, but also between counsel, should have been excited; the magnitude of the interests involved, and the real or supposed injury likely to be done to those interests in the event of the success of those who were believed to be acting in hostility to them, affording sufficient cause for excitement and passion. All this has passed away, and we do not doubt but that the state of feeling exists among all connected with the affairs of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company.

"Notwithstanding the great excitement under which counsel have acted during this protracted litigation, it affords us great pleasure to be able to say that we have seen nothing whatever in their proceedings in the action on either side unworthy of the high professional standing of those engaged in this suit."

SHAKESPEARE AS AN ACTOR.—The London Athenaeum gives the following bit of information about Shakespeare:—"Mr. Halliwell has had the good fortune to discover evidence that Shakespeare acted on two occasions before Queen Elizabeth, in the year 1594, in company with Kemp and Burgh, all three being described as 'Servants to the Lord Chamberlain.' Critical students of the biography of Shakespeare will at once appreciate the significance of these interesting facts. The poet was then in his thirty-first year. No record of his performances as an actor at so early a period has yet been produced, but the circumstances of his then being a member of the Lord Chamberlain's company is of still greater interest. We now know, what hitherto has been merely a conjecture, that the great dramatist belonged to that body before the Globe Theatre was opened, and when the company were performing the old play of Hamlet, the predecessor of Shakespeare's tragedy."

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CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE To Authorize the Erection of certain Market-houses on Girard Avenue, between Otis and Elm Streets, in the Eighteenth Ward.

Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Commissioner of Markets and City Property be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have built market-houses on Girard Avenue, between Elm and Otis streets (four sections) in the Eighteenth ward, similar to those already built on the said Avenue, and that the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Department of Markets and City Property to defray the expenses of the same: Provided, That said market-houses shall be built upon the plans and specifications to be furnished by the Chief Engineer and Surveyor of the City.

Section 2. That warrants for the same shall be drawn by the Commissioner of Markets and City Property in accordance with existing ordinances.

HENRY HUIH,

President of Common Council.

Attest—JOHN ECKSTEIN, Clerk of Common Council.

SAMUEL W. CATTELL, President of Select Council.

OFFICE OF CLERKS OF COUNCILS. PHILADELPHIA, May 18, 1871.

This is to certify that the above ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to authorize the erection of certain market-houses on Girard Avenue, between Otis and Elm streets, in the Eighteenth ward," was returned by his Honor the Mayor to the Common Council on the 18th day of May, A. D. 1871, with his approval; and said ordinance having been reconsidered, and said ordinance of the 18th day of May, 1871, agreeably to the seventh section of the act of Assembly, approved February 2, 1854, entitled "A further supplement to an act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia," by the following vote, to wit: yeas 31, nays 13.

And the said ordinance, together with the objections of his Honor the Mayor, having been sent to Select Council for their consideration, was passed by that body on said 18th day of May, A. D. 1871, agreeably to the seventh section of the act of Assembly approved February 2, A. D. 1854, entitled "A further supplement to an act to incorporate the City of Philadelphia," by the following vote, to wit: yeas 10, nays 3.

Therefore, the said ordinance having been passed agreeably to the provisions of the act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, is now a law in full force and virtue.

Attest—JOHN ECKSTEIN, Clerk of Common Council.

BENJAMIN H. HAINES, Clerk of Select Council.

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